

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-31 and add the following new claims.

32. A furniture system, comprising:

a first article of furniture having an upwardly facing support member and a C-shaped base located below the support member; and

a second article of furniture having an upwardly facing support member and a C-shaped base located below the support member;

wherein the support members and the C-shaped bases of the first and second articles of furniture are configured so as to enable the second article of furniture to be stacked on the first article of furniture by placing the support member of the second article of furniture over the support member of the first article of furniture.

33. The furniture system of claim 32, wherein the C-shaped base of each of the first and second articles of furniture includes a lower member, an upper member, and an upstanding member extending between and interconnecting the lower and upper members, wherein the support member is secured to the upper member, and wherein, when the second article of furniture is stacked on the first article of furniture, the upper member of the base of the second article of furniture rests on and is supported by the support member of the first article of furniture.

34. The furniture system of claim 33, wherein the base of the second article of furniture is configured such that the lower member of the base of the second article of furniture is located above the lower member of the base of the first article of furniture when the second article of furniture is stacked on the first article of furniture.

35. The furniture system of claim 34, wherein the first and second articles of furniture each comprise a desk.

36. The furniture system of claim 34, wherein the one of the articles of furniture comprises a desk and the other of the articles of furniture comprises a chair, wherein the upstanding member of the base of the chair extends upwardly past the upper member of the base and supports a back member located above the support member.

37. The furniture system of claim 33, wherein the support members of the first and second articles of furniture each include a pair of spaced apart edges, wherein the upstanding member of the base of the first article of furniture is located below the first edge such that the area below the second edge is open, and wherein the upstanding member of the base of the second article of furniture is located below the second edge such that the area below the first edge is open, wherein the open areas of the first and second articles of furniture face and overlap each other when the second article of furniture is stacked on the first article of furniture.

38. A method of stacking a first and second articles of furniture, comprising the steps of:

providing a first article of furniture having a support member and a generally C-shaped base;

providing a second article of furniture having a support member and a generally C-shaped base; and

placing the support member of the second article of furniture in overlapping relationship on the support member of the first article of furniture to support the second article of furniture on the first article of furniture, wherein the C-shaped bases of the first and second articles of furniture are configured to interleave so as to enable placement of the support member of the second article of furniture in overlapping relationship on the support member of the first article of furniture.